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CITIZENS ENTER PROTEST.

Objections to Removal of Teacher in High School.

Special Correspondence of The Evening Star.

ROCKVILLE, Md., September 24, 1899.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Rockville and vicinity, held last evening in the opera house, resolutions were passed requesting the board of county school commissioners to reconsider its action in regard to the removal of Miss Lucy Garrett, as assistant teacher in the Rockville High School. About three hundred persons were present, representing all classes. Mayor Spencer C. Jones presided, and explained the object of the gathering. Mr. A. A. Braddock served as secretary. Mr. W. A. Pumphrey presented resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote, setting forth that "Miss Lucy Garrett, one of the assistant teachers in the Rockville High School, has been notified by the board of county school commissioners that her services will no longer be needed in the position she now holds after the term of the notice has expired, and as Miss Garrett has for years served as a teacher in this community, to the entire satisfaction of the parents of the children attending the school in which she has taught, and now, by her experience and qualifications (being a graduate of the State Normal School, for many years a successful teacher, and possessing the confidence and esteem of the community at large), is more than ever in the position to be of service to the public as the instructor of the children, we feel that the people should not be deprived of her valuable services without good cause shown.

"No charges have been made against this lady affecting either her ability or fitness for the position from which she is about to be removed, and as it is believed that the action of the county school board in this matter was had without full knowledge of the wishes of the patrons of the school:

"Therefore, the citizens, taxpayers and patrons of said school, assembled for that purpose, direct that the board of county school commissioners be, and is hereby, requested to rescind the order vacating the position now occupied by Miss Garrett, and to reinstate her therein."

A committee, consisting of Spencer C. Jones, John T. Vinson, Chas. W. Prettyman, William R. Pumphrey, John L. Dawson, Albert King and Henry Dwyer, was appointed to present these resolutions to the board of county school commissioners and urge that the action hereby requested be had. The committee was instructed to request the president of the school board to call a special meeting of the board, unless a regular meeting thereof is to be had prior to October 2 next.

Mrs. A. J. Almoney, accompanied by her little child, is visiting her parents, Prof. and Mrs. E. B. Prettyman, in Baltimore.

Mrs. W. F. Rabbitt and little daughter are visiting relatives at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Mr. Charles A. Mewshaw of this town, for the past five years station agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Germantown, has been transferred to a position in the dispatcher's office at Camden station, Baltimore.

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